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PEARL HARBOR

Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941—The black perfidy of Japan created shock, horror, anger and an implacable determination to administer retribution, followed by the thought, "The United States never has lost a war!"

December 7, 1944—Fighting along the road to victory, paramount in the minds of Americans are the thoughts, "The United States has never lost a war and must not lose the peace!"

MORE ABOUT DESIGN FOR LISTENING

"Close-ups of our Fighting Fronts," over KQW at 9:30 p.m. Sunday nights brings the war theatres into focus for the layman. Deane Dickason, well-known world traveler, who has circled the globe 20 times, combines his intimate knowledge of far away places with a keen analytical sense to draw clear cut pictures of the settings of World War II.

LOW NOTES AND HIGH

Those low notes and high you hear, aren't a new arrangement of "A Holiday for Strings," quite the opposite, in fact they are the confused tones of the violins and violas tuning up, because it is open season for symphonies. So here are a few "low notes" from a little composition of our own. Come in on the down beat, all together, now:

1. "A symphony is an elaborate instrumental composition in sonata form for a full orchestra." Tsk, tsk, don't be indulging in that indoor track event of "jumping to conclusions," when Webster says "full" he is speaking of the number and variety of instruments used, and just skip that GI whistle, you should know a "sonata form" doesn't depend on a foundation of reconditioned rubber, a sonata comes in four movements, allegro, adagio, scherzo and finale, and to some symphony lovers nothing touches the spot like a good finale.

2. According to the history of music, Hadyn rates top billing for developing the classical symphony with Beethoven getting credit for an assist. To make it a triple play, Disney dreamed up "Fantasia," which converted the bobby soxers to long haired jive.

3. From Haydn to the 33rd season of the S. F. Symphony the unanswered question has been whether to applaud at the end of the movement or to wait for the close of the symphony. To the clap hands at the close of the symphony school of thought, the pause that refreshes is just a booby trap to snare an unwary listener. By way of warning, San Francisco audiences go in for silent meditation between movements and thunderous applause at the end of the composition so if you don't want to be caught with your applauses out of turn, wait until the conductor steps down from the podium, bows, and motions the orchestra to stand. Of course, the conductor does not go into this routine until he hears the first round of applause, which makes for a baffling situation and the whole concert may be stymied unless he gives the nod to some of his relatives to make with the hands.

4. A symphonic composer takes a theme and passes it from one player to another. In basketball this is called "stalling" and rates a penalty for delaying the game, but, not so in the symphony. They just call it exposition, development and recapitulation, which means each instrument section takes the defenseless little musical motif and sees what it can do with it, something that shouldn't happen to a bean bag at the mercy of six playful pups.

5. If the guest artist is Jose Iturbi, always observe the loud tones, "I simply must sit where I can see his hands, my dear!" This places you as being in the know, even though all through the piano concerto your optics are focused on the little John Frederics chapeau on the gal in aisle left, row G, seat 3.

6. Mathematically inclined members of the audience, usually males who come out on Saturday evening to please the "little woman," while away the time counting the number of musicians in the orchestra. This has the same soothing effect as clocking lambs leaping over a

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Autograph Your Blood Donation

In repsonse to requests from blood donors throughout the country, a new Red Cross blood plasma label has been designed which enables a donor to sign his name on the label that goes on the package to the troops overseas and to dedicate his blood in honor of a friend or loved one in the armed forces. This announcement was made today by Mrs. Edward McNear, publicity chairman of the Blood Donor Service.

The new plan becomes effective today, Mrs. McNear said, and for each pint of blood donated thereafter the donor will be allowed a label in his own handwriting with his name and the serviceman or woman in whose honor the donation was made.

The labels will be pasted on the outside of standard Army-Navy packages of plasma overseas.

The labels are now on hand at the Red Cross blood donor center.

Record Turnout at J. C. For Basketball

Chuck Winterburn, Menlo Junior College athletic director, announced today that a record wartime turnout of men have turned out for basketball this Fall.

The Junior College Varsity team have already played one game and have lined up a tough schedule.

Members of the J.C. team are: **Jim Ducasse, Fred Gardner, Grover Miller, Bert Olson, Andy Rosehill, Al Wherry, John Vandenberg, Robert Quinonez, Walt Perry, Guy Mount and James Caldwell.**

The High School basketball team will officially open its current season, today at Burlingame High School.

The squad has been working out for the past three weeks and is anxiously looking forward to this contest with the Panther cagers.

Coach Fred Harcleroad reports that a number of lettermen are back from last year's team and chances for a successful season are very good.

The complete list of players turning out for the team:

Dave Harper, Walker Smith, Frank Keizer, Dick Parker, Art Lachman, Bill French, Al Hooper, Pete Lincoln, John Sudden, John Brooke, Norman Leppo, Bill Stiles, Chuck Forsyth, Bob Tyler, Larry Howard, Dick Brook, Bill Bower, Andy Delagnes and John Petersen.

Ted Weller and Bob Lurie are the managers of the team.

Frank Fielding, coach of the Menlo High School lightweight basketball teams, reports that he has a record wartime turnout for the 130 and Cub class cage teams this season.

Eighteen players reported for the 130 team while 16 are out to make the two Cub teams.

Coach Fielding said that he is well satisfied with the way the teams are progressing.

Players trying out for the 130 cage team are Harold Sewell, Pete McCandles, Huber Coombs, Harold Rosenwald, David Crabb, Woodie Ferrin, Alex Burnette, Joe Mangin, John Moffett, Bill Horton, David Beatty, Bruce Simpson, Bruce Jacobs, Russell Patterson, John Tyler, Tom Taylor, Dick Dewey and Lorin Hogert.

Crawford Coppock and Bob Wang handle the teams' managerial duties.

The following players have signed up for the Cub basketball teams:

Richard Hart, Jack Strubles, Jerry Bradford, David Blyth, Edwin Porter, Hank Sanderson, Bill Reed, Averill Crimmins, Bob Brooks, David Schink, Andre Roos, Bob Downer, Roger Fogy, Dave Milbank, Jerry Speilman and Gern Nagler.

Jerry Andrews is the team manager.

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Nylons, Cigarettes, To Be Given Away At Junior Auxiliary Xmas Party

Rare and priceless items, these days found only in dreams, will fill to overflowing the three Santa's packs being given away at 8 o'clock the evening of the traditional Christmas Party being given by the Woodside-Atherton Junior Auxiliary of the Stanford Convalescent Home on Saturday, December 16, at the Menlo Circus Club.

Priceless perfumes, nylons, cigarettes, Christmas cheer, fitted luggage, wool blankets, life-size dolls, spices, toys, and candy are only a few of the hard-to-get items filling the packs, according to Mrs. Hugh David Phillips, chairman of the Auxiliary. These bulging packs, wrapped in cellophane and mounted on shining silver and scarlet sleds, will be displayed in peninsula shops for the next 10 days.

Committees for the gala affair include Mrs. Ernest Sultan Jr., bar chairman, assisted by Mrs. Don Hampton, Mrs. George Bonz, Mrs. William Corbus and Mrs. Willard Classen; bartenders, recruited from the ranks of the husbands of Auxiliary members are Dr. Hugh David Phillips, Clinton LaMontagne, William Jason, Jr., William Mackenzie, Winston Black, William Mahaney, Frank Mahoney, Roy Robinette, Jack Wilcox, Harold Smith, Clyde Devine, Don Hampton and Claude Rolfe; others assisting will be Mrs. L. T. Shaw, Mrs. E. Renee LeRoy, Harold Bishopp, Lt. John Blackinger, USN, T. Noel Bland, Herbert Cornish; chairman of the decorating committee is Miss Betty Losse assisted by Mrs. Paul Brown, Mrs. L. T. Shaw, Mrs. T. Noel Bland, Mrs. Francis Coburn Spelman, Mrs. Eldridge Douglass, Mrs. Ross Chamberlain, Mrs. Gordon Coryell, Mrs. John Nevins; invitations, Mrs. Huntley Castner and Mrs. William Mahaney; ticket selling, Mrs. Leland Rosener, Jr., and Mrs. Henry Kuechler Jr., and the committee in charge of the Santa Claus pack includes Mrs. William Jason, Jr., chairman; Mrs. Frank Mahoney, Mrs. Harold Bishopp, Mrs. Gordon Dennis and Mrs. John Blackinger.

Lt. Frank Bogart, USN, will be master of ceremonies during the evening and will double in brass as auctioneer when gift baskets are put on the block.

A snack bar (modern version of a free lunch) will be in charge of Mrs. Horace X. Baxter.

What with Christmas cheer, Santa's packs, free lunches and a gay throng, the Auxiliary's Christmas party promises to send spirits soaring to a new high.

The Christmas Tree Party for children sponsored by the Auxiliary will begin at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, December 16, and continue until 2 in the afternoon. There will be a 16-foot tree, candy canes, toys and Santa Claus himself in person, to say nothing of a magician, costumed carolers from the Palo Alto Community Center and a Punch and Judy show.

Mrs. Roy Robinette is chairman of the affair and will be assisted by Mrs. William Mahaney, who is arranging the entertainment, and Mrs. Elton Tognazzini, Mrs. Clarence Graham, Mrs. Arnold Scheier, Mrs. Thomas Ashcraft and Mrs. George Dickson Clark.

Mrs. Moylan Fox will stand by as Santa's assistant.

Admission will be 35 cents and the proceeds go the Fun Fund for the children who are patients at the Convalescent Home.

Central School

By Jo Furbush & Joyce Fagg

According to latest reports the eighth grade operetta is coming along quite well and tickets printed by Miss Walker are being distributed by Sylvia Tupper and Kenneth La Forge for the students to sell. The operetta will be held in the auditorium at 10:30 a.m. on December 14 for the benefit of the children of Central and Fremont schools. Another performance will be held on the evening of the same day at 7:30.

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Last Thursday an army "duck" made its appearance at the school. This was indeed a coincidence, as an effort was being made by the pupils to raise enough money in war bonds to purchase one. Their goal was $8,250 and at the end of the drive had collected $9,362.90. After a demonstration and explanation of the vehicle, members of the bonds and stamps committee were given a ride in the "duck" to the Fremont school where it was also on exhibition.

Another war bond drive in which all the schools in the nation were participating resulted in topping the goal by a good margin. The goal set for Central school was $5,343.75, equivalent to one $25 war bond for each pupil, ended with the sale of $6,827.75.

Saturday, Dec. 9 from 9:20 to 1:40 the blood donor unit will again be down this way. On its last visit the community came through in a big way. Thanks are extended to everyone who contributed. From Menlo were the following: One from Cook's; seven from Dibble; One from the fire department; Two from the California Water Service and three from the Veteran's Hospital.

"You can become a part of this story of lives saved and your part of the story is a lot easier," said Mrs. Edward McNear, chairman of publicity and added that, "In 45 minutes without pain or discomfort, you can become a life saver. All you have to do is visit the Red Cross blood donor center and you will be given an examination to determine whether or not you should donate—the donation itself is painless. After a few minutes rest you can go about your business. Phone 4148 today and make an appointment."

PRESBYTERIAN SERVICES

"Blueprints for making better men", is the sermon topic chosen by Reverend Don Emerson Hall for the 11 o'clock service at the Menlo Presbyterian Church on Sunday, December 10.

"God So Loved The World," by Stainer will be rendered by the Treble Choir under the direction of Mrs. Lloyd Van Oterendorp.

The informal Wednesday evening discussions with "The Christian Background of Christmas" as the central theme, continue to be held at The Manse.

The annual Christmas party of the Missionary Society will be held next Tuesday, December 12, at 2 o'clock in the church parlors. Mrs. H. H. Bearce, president of the group, is in charge of arrangements.

Exceptional Program Outlined for PTA

The Sequoia Parent-Teacher Association will offer an exceptional and varied program to its members and friends when it meets on Tuesday night, December 12, at 8 o'clock in the Girl's Clubroom at the high school. This is a night meeting so fathers and others interested may have the opportunity to attend.

The program offered is planned so as to have special appeal to a mixed audience. There will be a panel which will have for its discussion topic, "Opportunities for the Returning Service Man." This is a vital issue at this time and of concern to everyone. Dean Morris of San Mateo Junior College will be chairman of the panel. With him will be a Red Cross representative and Ned Butler, secretary of the Redwood City Chamber of Commerce, representing employers. Col. Henry Edmonds will represent veterans and there will also be a labor representative.

Paul Bradner, Veterans Employment Representative, U.S.E.S., will be the main speaker.

Music appropriate to the occasion will comprise the entertainment.

Program chairman, Mrs. Henry A. Beeger, and P.T.A. president, Mrs. S. S. Mayo, express the value of this program when they say, "It is one you cannot afford to miss." They further state "We are fortunate in having secured such a fine speaker as Paul Bradner. He is especially qualified to speak on the subject chosen."

LOCAL MAN NAMED HEAD OF OREGON FISHERIES

Dr. Paul R. Needham of Menlo Park has been appointed as superintendent of fisheries of the Oregon State Game Commission. Dr. Needham, whose office will be in Portland, will direct game fisheries and have charge of trout planting throughout the northern state. Dr. Needham has been associated with the United States Fish and Wild Life Service.

Dr. and Mrs. Needham, who have resided in Menlo Park the past 10 years, have two children, Barbara and Billy. The Needhams plan to leave for the north immediately after Christmas and have purchased a home just outside of Portland on Oatfield road.

Mr. and Mrs. Warner Skiff have bought the Needham home at 1285 Bay Laurel Drive.

TRINITY GUILD PLANS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Trinity Guild, the newly-organized group of the young women of Trinity Episcopal Church are planning a Christmas Party for the children attending the Sunday School. Friday, December 22, is the date set for the affair. Other details will be planned at the regular December meeting of the Guild which will be held next Wednesday evening, December 13, at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. M. G. Aune, 1000 Menlo Oaks Drive.

Mrs. John E. Fenacy is president of the group.

—Use The Classifieds—

Sgt. Ralphael Cocco To Receive Purple Heart Soon

Sgt. Ralphael Cocco, 27, of Menlo Park, has returned to this country by plane after a very warm time in France. Recuperating from a head wound—a piece of shrapnel miraculously missed his brain, he will be sent to a hospital nearer home.

The sergeant, who was leader of an infantry squad, took part in our big drive around St. Lo.

"I missed the fighting in the hedgerows just by luck," he said. "On my way to the front from a replacement center, I passed by all those fields, and saw lots of dead Germans they didn't even have time to pick up. There were lots of tanks and cars, too, all burnt black.'

At St. Lo, he found plenty of live Germans. "When they would attack," said Cocco, "they would shout like the dickens, so they sounded as if they were nuts."

"Don't let anybody kid you and tell you it's fun to be pinned in a foxhole by artillery fire," he continued. "Once a white phosporous shell burst not four feet away and got that white powder all over myself and another fellow. We stood up, though, and brushed it off, but I don't know why it didn't burn us."

"Another time," he said, "we were in a foxhole in a vineyard, and four shells went off right beside us. There were grape vines all over everything, and for awhile I just couldn't tell which was our foxhole. But I just didn't have the nerve to move from there."

Shrapnel pierced his mess kit, his rifle and even an ammunition clip on the ground near him without hurting him.

"At one time," he declared, "we were held up for 10 days in one spot, with nothing but K rations to eat. One day a Red Cross wagon came right up there with doughnuts and coffee—and that sure was good."

"We advanced quite fast after that towards Belgium. Once we walked three days and part of three nights." Near a spot the Army calls Castle Hill—Cocco doesn't know the name of the town—he was wounded. That was on September 23. Some time in the near future his Purple Heart will be officially presented to him.

A maintenance machinist at the Bell Air shipyard in South San Francisco before he entered the Army a year ago, Cocco wants to run his own flower shop and nursery after the war. His mother, Mrs. Louise Cocco of Box 1095, Menlo Park.

Russian War Relief

Since early last October a number of Menlo Park residents have been meeting at the home of Mrs. Michael Shapovalov, 760 Creek Dr., for the purpose of sewing crib blankets, baby clothing and mending old sweaters and other donated garments which Russian War Relief is sending to destitute Russian families. Meeting every other Thursday, members of this group have given generously of their time and effort to aid the suffering people of our courageous ally.

The group includes Mrs. Charles Oram, Mrs. John Downes, Mrs. Dowd, Mrs. A. Seiller, Mrs. Kay Schroeger, Mrs. W. Forsythe, Mrs. Elmer Nelson, Miss Alice Siverberg Mrs. Walter Barusch and Mrs. Cutler.

The next meeting of the group will be this afternoon at 1 p.m. and will be the last meeting before the Christmas holidays.

CENTRAL PARENT-TEACHERS TO MEET TOMORROW

Parents and friends are reminded of the December P.T.A. meeting to be held in Central School auditorium on Friday, December 8th at 2:30 p.m.

"Free Time Religious Training," will be discussed by members of the Religious Council, Rev.. Don Emerson Hall, Rev. Charles Fritz, and Father Thomas McKeon.

The choral group of the eighth grade will render several selections from their coming operetta, Christmas In Mexico.

A silver tea social hour will follow with room mothers of the 5th and 6th grades, Mrs. C. L. Baker and Mrs. Chalmer Mills as hostesses.

SEQUOIA ALUMNI PLAN ANNUAL GET-TOGETHER

One of the main attractions to be featured at the Sequoia Alumni Association's formal dinner-dance December 20 at the Sequoia school cafeteria, will be the visiting of the new clubroom recently opened, containing pictures and relics of past Sequoia athletics.

Dancing and musical entertainment will also be featured as the association holds its first reunion in 12 years. The dinner will commence promptly at 7:30 with the price at two dollars per person The money will go towards making next year's reunion a bigger success.

What's the Matter With Menlo? Bond Sales Only 50 pct. of Goal

Your City's Business

BY CHARLES P. BURGESS

Of the property taxes collected in the City of Menlo Park this year, something over 27 cents of each dollar will go toward the support of the county government. County taxes are collected at the same rate from property owners inside and outside incorporated cities. Menlo Park taxpayers will contribute 2.1 per cent of San Mateo County's property tax receipts this year.

How does San Mateo County's tax rate this year of $1.1485 per $100 of assessed valuation compare with the tax rates of the other 56 California counties? (We must exclude San Francisco, a consolidated city, county and school district. This consolidation is part of the reason San Francisco has been able to maintain one of the lowest overall tax rates among large cities in the United States, as well as among California cities, large or small.) The answer is, San Mateo County compares very favorably. Although our county rate is up about 8 cents this year, it is lower than the rates in 40 counties, and higher than the rates in 16. It is 87 per cent of the average county rate of $1.32. The extremes are Placer with 62 cents, and Trinity with $3.01.

Why is our county rate below average? There is no simple answer, for the quantity and quality of the services furnished the taxpayer affect the cost more than does the efficiency with which the county is managed. Moreover, the tax rate can generally be lower in a wealthy county than in a poor one. There are several reasons, however, why a below average tax rate is a logical expectancy in San Mateo County.

Many authorities feel that though counties collect their property taxes both inside and outside incorporated cities, a large portion of the services they perform benefit primarily the unincorporated areas. A county that has a large part of its assessed valuation inside incorporated cities should, therefore, have a lower tax rate (everything else being equal) than one with most of its valuation outside of cities. San Mateo County's assessed valuation is 69.5 per cent inside cities, compared with a state average of 63.1 per cent. Alameda County, with over 90 per cent of its assessed valuation inside incorporated cities, leads the counties in this ratio, and has a lower tax rate than San Mateo.

As pointed out above, a wealthy county may be expected to have a low tax rate. Oil-rich Fresno, Kern and Kings counties have rates substantially below San Mateo's Others have a lower tax rate because of the presence in their boundaries of great amounts of taxable public utility property serving distant metropolis areas. Such counties include Amador, El Dorado, Mono, Placer, Plumas and Shasta. San Mateo County is largely residential and the best gauge of the average wealth level is, accordingly, the average value of San Mateo County dwellings. In the 1940 census a record was made of the monthly rental value of owner-occupied dwelling units. The average for San Mateo County was reported as $43.61, compared with a statewide urban figure of $33.44, indicating an above average wealth level. At $37.80 the City of Menlo Park is below the county but above the state average.

It is usually less expensive per capita to serve a concentrated than a scattered population. In 1940 San Mateo County's density of 246 persons per square mile was exceeded only by the counties of Alameda, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

"What's the matter with Menlo Park and unincorporated areas?" were the words of Mrs. Jerome T. Potter, chairman of the local Sixth War Loan Drive. "We can't even get enough interested people to work in the bond booth or to do other necessary work," she declared.

Only 50 percent of the amount set for Menlo Park has been collected so far. The goal is $354,792,000. The sale of E series bonds are very low and it was pointed out that Menlo Park would not even come close to the goal unless people start buying soon.

Volunteers are badly needed and those desiring to help are asked to contact Mrs. Potter at the City Hall.

Bond Auction.

Plans for the White Elephant bond auction are nearing completion. O. H. Olson is chairman and is aided by several workers who are busy gathering mershandise from the local merchants to be auctioned off on the evening of the 16th at the Central School. Anyone having suitable articles to donate may leave them at headquarters in the city hall.

In the way of entertainment, Major Allen V. Martini, AAF, whose squadron was appropriately named "Dry Martinis", and credited with the destruction of 23 enemy planes in 15 minutes, will be on hand to give some interesting details.

Window Display Contest.

At a meeting held at the City Hall last Thursday evening, it was decided to request the Merchants of Menlo Park to devote the period from December 4 to 16 to window displays featuring the 6th War Loan.

A prize of a $25.00 War Bond will be awarded the merchant making the most attractive display.

The contest will be judged upon the following points: originality, attractiveness and sales appeal.

It is hoped all merchants will enter this contest with patriotism and enthusiasm.

Windows will be judged between December 7 and 9 and displays must remain for the entire period ending December 16.

Announcement of the winner will be made at the "White Elephant" auction in the auditorium of Central School on the evening of December 16, according to Mrs. Jerome T. Potter, chairman, War Finance Committee.

District P.T.A.

December session of 17th district, California Congress of Parents and Teachers, is scheduled for Thursday, December 14, one week early, and will be held in the Burlingame High School Little Theatre. Mrs. C. N. Underwood, home service department director, has made program arrangements.

Forum question period on "PTA Ethics" will feature as chairman, Mrs. B. D. Ralston, state director of extension, from Redwood City. Problems of finance, home or school relationships, and allied subjects should be sent to Mrs. Ralston for discussion at the meeting. Registration will be at 9:45 a.m. and adjournment at 12 noon, with business in charge of Mrs. L. G. Evans, president.

Between the 1940 census and November 1, 1943 (the date of the latest ration book registration data) San Mateo County increased in population 21.6 per cent to 135,965. This percentage increase was exceeded only by seven counties, and compared with a statewide increase of 14.2 per cent.

As a matter of interest, the rate this year of neighboring Santa Clara County is $1.1098, or 4 cents less than ours. This is the first time in ten years that our rate has not been the lower of the two.

(Next week: More on San Mateo County).

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CHRISTMAS CAROLS

The familiar and beautiful notes of Christmas Carols fill the days and nights of December as the Christmas season brings a round of traditional holiday entertaining. The sweet tones of "Silent Night" and other carols will be accompanied by the undertones of knitting needles clicking out war work when Mrs. William Miller Forsythe entertains the Menlo Knitters at potluck luncheon next Thursday, December 14. The Christmas luncheon has become an annual custom with members exchanging amusing little gifts and singing carols during the afternoon as they knit before the great fireplace in the Forsythe living room.

FAIRY CHRISTMAS TREES

Fairy-size Christmas trees decorated the birthday table last Satcelebrated her fifth birthday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Marshall of Atherton.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

There will be a gay gathering at the Fair Oaks Lane home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Noel Bland on Friday, December 15, when the Blands hold open house to celebrate their wedding anniversary.

ANOTHER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Last week on Tuesday, November 28, another wedding anniversary was observed when Mr. and Mrs. John E. Fennacy entertained a group of their friends at an informal dinner at their home on College avenue.

It was the Fennacy's ninth anniversary which meant some stunning pieces of pottery were added to the decorative cabinets in the dining room.

DECEMBER MEETING

Because the third Thursday of December, the regular date for the meeting of the Mother's Club of St. Joseph's School, falls in the midst of the last minute Christmas rush, Mrs. Frederick Durrant, the president, has advanced the date to next Thursday, December 14. Members are urged to attend since it is the annual election meeting.

SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Woodside-Atherton Junior Auxiliary of the Stanford Convalescent Home has been called by the president, Mrs. Hugh David Phillips, for tomorrow, December 8, at 10:30 a.m. at the Menlo Circus Club.

The meeting will be devoted to the last minute plans for the Christmas Tree Party for children and the Christmas Party for adults being given on Saturday, December 16.

It isn't official but we understand that decorations for the Christmas tree party may include a roll of barbed wire and a contingent of Marines to keep the small fry from chinning themselves on the della robbia festoons and swinging on the outsize stars on the 16-foot tree—this is so the mamas and papas will have atmospheric decorations left for their party in the evening.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

A treasure hunt, movies and giant cake complete with eight candles, shared honors with John Morey at his birthday party last Monday when he entertained his friends at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Morey.

Among those invited to attend were Phillip Cassutto, Arthur Gammon, Pat Melvin, Harry Morey, Mickey Martini, Jerry Sullivan, Sandy Spelman, John Ducato, Colonel Bush, Billy Morinan and Peter Fogarty.

POTLUCK SUPPER

Instead of the gay yellow smocks worn when they serve at the Allied Arts for the Palo Alto Junior Auxiliary of the Stanford Convalescent Home, last Saturday evening members of the Monday serving group donned dinner gowns and were entained with their husbands at a potluck supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Walling of Atherton.

CHRISTMAS DANCE

Many of the school set are anticipating December 23 when they will head to San Francisco for the dancing party to be given by Miss Grace Gilmore in the ballroom of the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Gilmore.

The Gilmores and their daughters, Madeline and Grace, spend their summers in Woodside and have many friends among the localites.

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WARTIME WEDDING

The wedding of Jackie Rowe and James Skilling took place on Monday, November 27 at the Baptist Church in Palo Alto.

Jackie, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Rowe of Menlo Park wore the traditional bridal gown of slipper satin fashioned with lace yoke. With this she wore a short waist length veil.

Mrs. Henry Lipke, of Annapolis, Md., the matron of honor, was frocked in a satin and lace gown of blue.

The best man was Jack McGee, and the ushers were Jay Seavy and Ed Braly.

The groom, serving in the Navy, has already been called back to sea duty, and the young bride will reside with her parents while she completes her senior year at Sequoia Union High School.

DOUBLE SURPRISE

A double surprise took place at the Paul Surber home last Saturday when Mrs. Frank M. Pinney of Hominy Oklahoma, arrived to surprise her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Surber, and to her surprise they were not at home. When they arrived back from a jaunt to San Jose they were delighted to find their houseguest waiting.

To complete the family reunion, Mr. Surber's other sister, Mrs. Frederic W. Handschy of Los Angeles, will join them this week end.

Mrs. Pinney has three sons, all serving overseas.

CASTE SYSTEM

A victim of the caste system is Mrs. John Blackinger, who left her wrist in a cast but in spite of a "bad break" is continuing to spend four more days as a "gray lady" at Dibble Hospital.

NURSERY NEWS

James Gordon Rising is the name chosen for the new son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rising. Little James arrived on November 28 and joins a three year old brother, Robert.

The latest very sub-deb is Carol Ann Daseking, who made her debut on November 28. Carol Ann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Daseking of Austin avenue, Atherton.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

Invitations are in the mail to a Christmas Entertainment being given on Wednesday, December 20, by the religious and the pupils of the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Menlo Park at the school on Valparaiso avenue.

THE PAUSE THAT REFRESHES

What with Christmas shopping, many are dashing to the city these days. A new custom has been established by a group of localites who take time out from war activities to meet at the St. Francis Hotel for the Monday luncheon. They have an elastic table reservation which takes care of as many localites as appear at the hotel on Mondays.

Among those glimpsed last Monday were Mrs. John Copelin, Mrs. Frank T. Walker, Mrs. T. Noel Bland, Mrs. Frank Mahoney, Mrs. Francis McCann and Mrs. Claude Rolfe.

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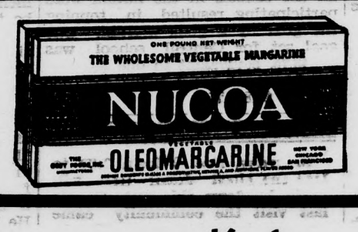

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By Edna Crane-Burchfield

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* * *

Vina Mott took a wild ride in an army truck one day last week. It was completely unrehearsed and the soldier who drove the truck is still trying to figure how it all came about.

Some of you will remember Vina as the good looking blonde girl who took your red and blue tokens at the wropping counter in the Stanford Market and later at the Menlo Food Center. Those of you who attended the Guild play, "The Campbell's Are Coming," will remember her as the petulant and snobbish daughter of the Campbell family. She now helps her husband, Cliff Mott in his service station at Brisbane.

The story goes that two soldiers stopped at the Mott service station while driving a big army truck to which a trailer was attached. The trailer was covered with a tarpaulin. The boys were taking the truck to Kezar stadium and Vina learned that the trailer contained a Jap motor of some sort and a dud bomb. She is curious as all get out and noticing that the canvas covering was loose, she clambered on top of the trailer, when the driver started the truck on its way to San Francisco. By this time they were moving fast and she was perched too high to jump, so Vina started screaming and loud. The driver couldn't hear her over the noise of the motor. There was no foothold and nothing to hang on to on the tightly-stretched canvas and Vina was being jounced from one side of the trailer to the other —a badly frightened hitch hiker.

Passersby in cars thought it was a gag and gave her the old army whistle. Finally, her frantic shrieks caused one motorist to signal the truck driver to stop and Vina scrambled from her precarious position.

Meanwhile, her husband had been notified that his wife was on her way to San Francisco on an Army truck. He followed in his car and found her sitting by the road some three miles past Brisbane.

She got the scare of her life, but she found out what was in the trailer.

● **Carl Waldner and Vincent** D'Antoni returned Monday night from a three days hunting trip to Willows.

They hunted on a private lake on Willow Creek Farms property owned by W. Grover of San Francisco.

Their bag for the three days consisted of 40 ducks, 16 geese and two pheasants.

Cub Scout News

Cubs of Den 6 which have been without a home and Den Mother since the resignation of Mrs. Charles Lomas, have been adopted by Mrs. Albert Ittner and following the Christmas Holidays, will meet at her home, 316 Princeton Road. This Den has been meeting at the home of Mrs. King on College avenue. Richard Froli and Briscoe King are the Den Chief and Assistant Den Chief.

● **Lt. (j.g.) Wm. A. Hurst,** having been on leave for the past week on Hobart street, returned to duty Wednesday.

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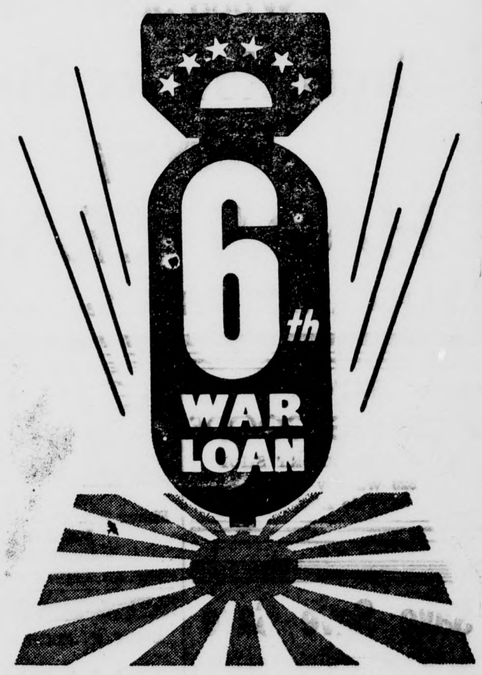

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stake and rider fence. There is just one rift within the lute, usually as Morpheus steps into the picture the percussion player makes like mad with cymbals, triangles, bells and as many instruments as Petrillo permits a single union man to play at one time. This causes the man who came to please the little woman drowsily to mutter, "Milkman keep those bottles quiet!", definitely not the proper comment to make in the opera house.

7. Ardent symphony lovers always follow the score. They may be a dozen measures behind the orchestra but they are right in there following, and if they end up with a few extra notes, that's good in these days of near inflation. Some of the audience don't even know what the score is, they are there to enjoy the music.

8. No conductor has bagged his limit for the symphony season unless he presents Stravinsky's "Rites of Spring." This is Dali's surrealism set to music, except that one may close one's eyes to limp watches but with auditory nerves it is different and ear muffs aren't being worn this season.

9. When the orchestra deploys its instruments and moves in on Tschaikowsky's Fifth, it isn't necessary to close one's eyes, throw back one's head and sway like a king cobra to the tunes of the flute of a Hindo fakir, that reaction went out with the vapors.

10. But seriously, in time of peace or war, music rendered by a fine symphony orchestra under the direction of a competent conductor is a must for a well-balanced living. The first concert of the 33rd season of the San Francisco Symphony clearly demonstrates that the present San Francisco orchestra is superfine under the masterly direction of Pierre Monteux, who continues to maintain his high reputation as an internationally renowned counductor.

Girl Scout Notes

Three Brownie Troops will meet at Central School Friday, December 15 at 3:30 p.m. for a joint investiture. Mothers and Council members are invited to attend.

Leaders Attend Meeting

Leaders from Menlo Park attended Sequoia Girl Scout Leaders' Association Christmas party held this week at the high school.

Brownies Make Hobby Horses

Brownie Troop No. 43 made several hobby horses for the Marin City Nursery School. This was a government project which gives an idea what type of work the various troops are doing. The heads were made of socks, faces were painted then stuffed and mounted on broom sticks.

FRED BECKER FAMILY HOME AGAIN

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Becker, who have been living at Dos Palos for the past two years employed as a radio engineer at Eagle Field, spent a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Becker on Laurel avenue.

The Fred Beckers are now living in Palo Alto and is at present employed as an engineer with the Kaar Engineering company.

CANDLE LIGHT TEA

Holly and Christmas have long been synonymous, but tomorrow, December 8, at the Candlelight Tea and Gift Sale being given at the Palo Alto Community Center by the Catholic Women's Literary Guild for the benefit of the Corpus Christi Monastery, holly will be conspicuous by its absence due to a ruling of the Community Center forbidding the use of berries for decorations.

So tomorrow, instead of scarlet berries and glossy leaves there will be tiny Christmas trees adorning the tea table which is being arranged by Mrs. Ray Tinney. Mrs. Charles Oram is in charge of the tea hour and presiding at the tea table will be Mrs. Walter S. Baker and Mrs. Helen Forster.

There will be a short musical and dramatic program during the afternoon. Admission tickets are one dollar which include the tea service.

Other committee members include Mrs. Albert Hardwick, general chairman; Mrs. Kyle Bird, Mrs. Roy Folger, Mrs. Elizabeth Rafferty, Mrs. Edward Nooney, Mrs. David Ingram, Mrs. James Doherty, Mrs. C. H. Beckwith, Miss Catherine McAuliffe and Mrs. Phillip Miebach.

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Benefit Whist

A benefit whist will be given by the American Legion Auxiliary, Wednesday, December 13 in the Legion Hall at 8 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held in the Legion Hall Tuesday, December 12 at 8 p.m.

CHICAGO BOUND

After a merry whirl of entertaining in their honor, the B. H. Knapps head back to Chicago tomorrow where they are making their home for the duration. Mr. and Mrs. Knapp have spent the past three days at the Mark Hopkins hotel in San Francisco, prior to that they were established in their former home on Flood Circle.

Sunday evening the Knapps were honor guests at a cocktail party given by Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Lathan at their home on Ringwood road.

SOLDIERING IS TRADITIONAL IN McFEELY FAMILY

Soldiering is a tradition in the family of Major Henry F. McFeely (retired) and the tradition is being carried on bravely by Major Horace F. McFeely and Lt. Col. Henry Graham McFeely, the two sons of Major and Mrs. McFeely who reside on Henderson avenue.

At the request of the Navy department, Major Horace McFeely was transferred from his post at Fort Mason, where he was engaged in Army Transport Service, to duty on the staff of Admiral Nimitz and now is stationed at Pacific Fleet Headquarters. Major McFeely was called to active duty in 1940 and was stationed at Fort Mason until his present assignment.

Lt. Col. McFeely is an instructor in a school of disarmament in the European theater. Formerly he was on the general staff of General Bradley as historian. Lieutenant Colonel McFeely graduated from the U. S. Military Academy with the class of 1932. He went to Egypt in December 1942 and from there to England and France.

CHRISTMAS TO BE FESTIVE OCCASION—MAYBE

Christmas will really be a festive occasion in the Wm. McConnell home in Redwood City this year. Mrs. Dennis Jacobsen, the McConnell's daughter and her little three months old baby Sondra Ann have been living at the McConnell home while her husband is overseas. There is just a possibility that Jacobsen will be home on furlough during the Christmas holidays. The baby's grandmother is the former Catherine Nash, a member of one of Menlo's pioneer families.

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Robert Linebarger will compete against Ed Banta for the freshman prize and Fitzmaurice against Pat Elkins for the sophomore honors in the final round of the public speaking contest tomorrow at Sequoia High School.

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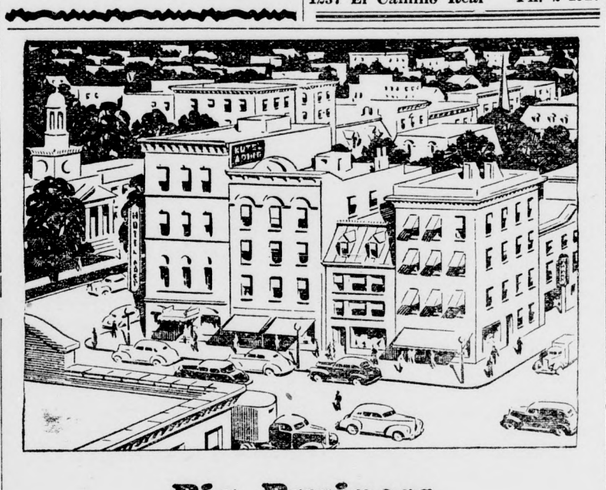

Big Business

A LOT of the writing and talking that's going on these days about "big" business seems to miss one pretty important point. In judging bigness solely by such things as number of employees, size of payrolls, or volume of sales, it overlooks the size of the job the particular business is required to do.

After all, any business exists because there's a demand for the things it produces or the services it renders. And it must either grow to the size necessary to satisfy these demands, or else make way for a competitor that *can* provide what is wanted.

The war has shown that America's factories and farms can meet demands that would have been fantastic in pre-war years. This is a big country; there will be as big jobs to be done in peacetime as any the war produced. It will take the right kind of "big" business to do them. And whether it operates a 100-acre farm, a garage, a bank, or an industry with 100,000 employees—this kind of big business, which serves the public satisfactorily and with integrity, will continue to be the foundation of America's strength and security, in peace as in war. *General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.*

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